

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (previously presented) A semi-solid composition for use in single-dose form in personal oral, dental, or skin care, the composition comprising:

a homogenous and non-encapsulated single-dose gel bead comprised of an active ingredient intimately mixed with at least one gelling agent,

the at least one gelling agent providing a gel framework which breaks apart when the gel bead is disrupted by a person in a personal oral, dental, or skin care procedure.

2. (cancelled)

3. (previously presented) A semi-solid composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the gelling agent includes agar at a concentration in a range of from about 0.1 to about 2 per cent by weight.

4. (previously presented) A semi-solid composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the gelling agent comprises agar at a concentration in a range of from about 0.3 to about 0.95 per cent by weight.

5. (previously presented) A semi-solid composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the gelling agent comprises gelatin

at a concentration in a range of from about 1 to about 4 per cent by weight.

6. (cancelled)

7. (previously presented) A bead comprised of a semi-solid composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the active ingredient is a dentifrice sufficient for a single dental care procedure.

8. (previously presented) A bead comprised of a semi-solid composition as claimed in claim 7, wherein the bead has a mass in the range of from about 0.4 gram to about 1 gram .

9. (previously presented) A bead comprised of a semi-solid composition according to claim 7, wherein the bead has at least one of a shape, a colour, and a flavour appealing to a child for dental hygiene use.

10. (withdrawn) A kit or pack for use in dental care, including at least one bead of a semi-solid gel as claimed in claim 7, wherein the bead is stored within a compartment within the kit or pack.

11. (withdrawn) A kit or pack for use in dental care as claimed in claim 10, wherein the pack further provides an application tool including means for contacting a plurality of surfaces of the person's teeth, so that after disruption of a bead and release of the at least one active ingredient adjacent to the teeth, use of the tool promotes cleansing of the teeth.

12. (withdrawn) A kit or pack as claimed in claim 10, wherein each compartment comprises a depression formed in a deformable sheet and covering means for covering the depression.

13. (previously presented) A semi-solid composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the active ingredient comprises one of a mouth freshener and an oral disinfectant.

14. (withdrawn) A kit or pack for use in oral care, including at least one bead of a semi-solid composition as claimed in claim 13, wherein the pack includes at least one bead provided within a compartment and wherein the at least one active ingredients of the semi-solid composition include a disinfectant material, so that after ingestion and disruption within the mouth, odour from the person's mouth or pharynx is reduced.

15. (withdrawn) A semi-solid skin care composition as claimed in claim 1, including at least one active ingredient

characteristic of a personal skin care composition, such as a surface-active agent or soap, a foam stabiliser, a moisturiser, a skin conditioner, a flavouring agent, a compound capable of absorbing ultra-violet light, wherein the composition includes one or more gelling agents in an amount sufficient to maintain structural integrity during storage yet permitting the structure to break apart and release the at least one active ingredient when forcibly disrupted by a person.

16. (withdrawn) A kit or pack for use in skin care, including at least one bead comprised of a semi-solid composition as claimed in claim 15, wherein the at least one bead is provided within a compartment.

17. (withdrawn) A kit or pack for use in skin care as claimed in claim 16, wherein the pack further includes shaving means including at least one item selected from: a brush, a disposable razor, and one or more beads comprised of toiletry materials selected from the range of pre-shave conditioners, after-shave conditioners, and moisturisers.

18. (withdrawn) A kit or pack for use in skin care as claimed in claim 16, wherein the pack includes at least one tool, and at least one bead of a semi-solid composition held within corresponding cavities within a blister pack.

19-22. (canceled)

23. (previously presented) A semi-solid homogeneous gel bead for use in single-dose form in personal oral, dental or skin care, comprising:

a gelling agent; and

an active dentifrice ingredient intimately mixed with said gelling agent to form a mixed homogeneous composition,

wherein the composition has a semi-solid form,

wherein said gelling agent provides a gel framework to contain said active ingredient during storage, and

wherein the gel framework is configured to break apart and release said active ingredient upon being forcibly disrupted by a person in any of an oral, dental, or skin care procedure.

24. (previously presented) The semi-solid bead as claimed in claim 23, wherein said gelling agent includes agar at a concentration ranging between 0.1% by weight to 2% by weight.

25. (previously presented) The semi-solid bead as claimed in claim 23, wherein said gelling agent includes agar at a concentration ranging between 0.3% by weight to 0.95% by weight.

26. (previously presented) The semi-solid bead as claimed in claim 23, wherein said gelling agent includes gelatin at a concentration ranging between 1% by weight to 4% by weight.

27. (previously presented) The semi-solid bead as claimed in claim 23, wherein the composition has a mass ranging between 0.4 grams to 1 gram.